



# The Who, What, When, Where, Why & How of Biblical Worship

*---a six week discovery Bible Study*

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## Week One-- The "Who" of Biblical Worship: The God we worship

### **Intro:**

- The Object of our worship – God knows You – Psalm 139; Gen 16:1-14
- Deconstructing untrue beliefs about God
- Knowing about Him and Knowing Him:
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
  - 6.
  - 7.

### **Discovery Exercises:**

Ia. In your group, look at the following scriptures and write down the role of God in each (use nouns). If you find other references to God's roles write down the role and cite the scripture for those as well.

Example: Deut 4:24 -Consuming Fire; Jealous God

Psalm 3:1-3

Psalm 50: 4-6

Isa 9:6-7

Isa 40:10-11; 28

Isa 54:4-7

Isa 64:8

Jer 32:26-27

Zechariah 14:9

John 8:12

1 John 4:14-15

1 John 4:16-19

2 Cor 3:17-18

1 Tim 1: 15-17

James 1:17

Ib. In your group, look at the following scriptures and write down the words which describe characteristics of God or what He does. If you find other scriptural descriptions write those down and cite the scripture.

Example: Psalm 61:1-2 – God listens to us, hears us, leads us

Lev 11:44-45

Joshua 23:14

Job 12:13

Psalm 16:11

Psalm 46:6-7

Psalm 48:14

Psalm 103:1-13

Zephaniah 3:17

Deut 4:24

Romans 8:31

Romans 8:35-39

Romans 15:13

2 Thes 3:1-3

Phil 4:19

### **Sharing Exercise:**

II. Look at the descriptions and roles you wrote down in Ia and IIa above. Choose a role or description and share with your team members a time in the past when you experienced God in that way.

### **Worship:**

IIIa. Read Psalm 103 aloud together as a praise to God

IIIb. Listen to the song “Wonderful, Merciful, Savior.” Sing the words to God or meditate on them with Him to tell Him that you know His character and are praising Him for who He is. (Words are on page 3).

### **Application:**

IV. Weekly Application One: This week, take notice of each interaction you have with God and which role or characteristic of Him you experience. Jot this down in a journal and/or share them on our blog: <http://worshipconnection.wordpress.com>

Examples:

- Today I prayed to God to heal a sick friend. Role: Healer
- Today God kept me from harm when a car almost hit me. Role: Protector
- Today I read in Psalm 46 that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. This comforted and encouraged me as I sometimes feel weak and alone.

Weekly Application Two: In your private time with God, read the lists in Ia and Ib to Him as your prayer of praise. Try your hand at writing it our saying it Psalm-style. If you do this, feel free to share on our blog.

**Further Study:**

V. Take a look at the "Resources for Further Study" on page 4. Visit our blog for further interaction, discovery and sharing,

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse

**Verse 1**

Wonderful merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh You rescue the souls of men

**Chorus 1**

You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh our hearts always hunger for

**Verse 2**

Counselor Comforter Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way  
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

**Verse 3**

Almighty infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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## **Further Resources**

**Bible Scriptures:** Read the Psalms

**Books:** Stevens, Jarrett. The Deity Formerly Known as God. Grand Rapids, MI : Zondervan, c2006.

Yancey, Philip. Reaching for the Invisible God. Grand Rapids, MI : Zondervan, c2000.

Arthur, Kay. Lord, I Want to Know You: a Devotional Study on the Names of God. Colorado Springs, CO : WaterBrook Press, c.2000.

**Websites:** [www.bible.org](http://www.bible.org)

**Songs for Worship:** "Beautiful One" by Tim Hughes, c2002

"God of Wonders" by Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong, c2000

"How Great is Our God" by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

"Your Name" by Paul Baloche, Glenn Packiam, c2006

Keep an eye out for the CD project: This is Our God, Hillsong Live, release date August 2008.